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News

March & April 2004 Edition

Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In February & March 2004, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **twelve (12) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**.

Following is a listing of the 12 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ Swing-N-Slide is recalling "Mega Rider" Swings. #04-076
- ❖ Meijer Distribution Inc. is recalling Kids Falls Creek PU Jackets. #04-077
- ❖ Meijer Distribution Inc. is recalling Children's Sweatshirts. #04-078
- ❖ PlayWell Toy Company is recalling PlayWell Crayola Activity Cubes. #04-079
- ❖ Mary Meyer Corporation is recalling "Webster" Activity Spider Toys. #04-086
- ❖ Child Craft Industries is recalling Legacy Cribs. #04-087
- ❖ Schylling Associates Inc. is recalling "Wooden Music Radio" Type toys. #04-088
- ❖ Brand Imports LLC is recalling children's rings. #04-090
- ❖ Palliser Furniture Ltd. is recalling "Poof" Chairs and Table Sets.
- ❖ Stanley Furniture Company Inc. is recalling Isabella model cribs. #04-106
- ❖ Babies "R" Us is recalling Snail Push Toys. #04-109
- ❖ Kingfisher Publications PLC is recalling My Easter Basket Books. #04-110

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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February Recalls

Release Number: 04-076 Swing-N-Slide, of Janesville, Wis. Is voluntarily recalling about 1,220 Swing-N-Slide "Mega Rider" Swings. The recalled backyard playground "Mega Rider" swing can be used by one or two children. The blue-colored plastic "Mega Rider" is suspended from a crossbeam by four plastic-coated chains. Children sitting back-to-back push in different directions to make the swing move back and forth. Printed on the handle below the seat connection in raised lettering are the words, "Swing-N-Slide," 1212 Barberry Drive, Janesville, WI, Made in U.S.A., 1-800-888-1232, THIS PRODUCT IS INTENDED FOR USE BY CHILDREN FROM THE AGES OF 2 TO 10 YEARS. READ INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO USE." They were sold at Lowe's and Home Depot stores by special order and through Ace, DIBC, TruServ, Handy Hardware, Emery Warehouse, and Federated co-ops and buying groups nationwide from March 2003 through October 2003 for about \$90. The swings were manufactured in the USA.

Problem: The plastic handle on the Mega Rider swing could crack at the seat connection allowing the metal connecting rod to pull out. If this occurs, a child on the swing could fall to the ground.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the "Mega Riders" immediately and return them to the company for a replacement product with increased material thickness. Swing-N-Slide will provide consumers with a self-addressed box to return the product. Consumers should contact Swing-N-Slide at (800) 888-1232 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, visit the company's Web site at www.swing-n-slide.com, or write to Mega Rider Recall, Swing-N-Slide, 1212 Barberry Drive, Janesville, WI 53545.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04076.html>

Release Number: 04-077 Meijer Distribution Inc., of Grand Rapids, Mich. is voluntarily recalling about 58,000 Kids Falls Creek PU Jackets with Polar Fleece in Hood. The recalled jackets were sold in various colors for boys and girls. Girls' sizes include 2T through 5T, 4 through 7 and 8 through 19. Boys sizes include 2T through 5T, 4 through 6X and 7/8 through 16. A label inside the jacket reads, "Authentic Falls Creek." They were sold through Meijer retail stores in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois from August 2003 through December 2003 for about \$30. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: The zipper pull on the jacket can come off and pose a choking hazard to small children.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these jackets and contact Meijer Distribution for instructions on returning the jacket for a refund. Meijer Distribution toll-free at (866) 280-8419 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at www.meijer.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04077.html>

Release Number: 04-078 Meijer Distribution Inc., of Grand Rapids, Mich. is voluntarily recalling about 18,655 Children's Sweatshirts. The fleece sweatshirts were sold in children's sizes 4 – 18 under the brand name, "Emergency Exit." The sweatshirts were manufactured in a variety of colors including red, blue, grey and black. Each sweatshirt has an image on the chest of either, a tribal design, dragon, motocross or skateboarding pattern. They were sold through Meijer retail

stores in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois from August 2003 and January 2004 for between \$20 and \$22. They were manufactured in Pakistan.

Problem: The sweatshirts have drawstrings in the hood. Children can get entangled and strangle in the drawstrings that can catch on playground equipment, fences or tree branches.

What to do: Consumers can return the sweatshirts to Meijer retailers for a full refund or consumers can remove the drawstrings to eliminate the hazard. Call Meijer toll-free at (866) 280-8419 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at www.meijer.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04078.html>

Release Number: 04-079 PlayWell Toy Company, West Orange, New Jersey is voluntarily recalling about 11,200 PlayWell Crayola® Activity Cubes. The Crayola® activity cube is about 9-inches tall and is made of wood. Each side of the activity cube has a different game, including shape sorting cut-outs and crayon character wheels. The top of the activity cube has crayon characters and beads that slide along a spiral glide. The packaging is labeled "Crayola® Activity Cube" and "Playwell."

Cubes were sold at Shopko Stores nationwide from October 2003 through January 2004. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: Small parts can detach from the cube, posing a choking hazard to small children.

What to do: Consumers should take the product away from small children immediately and contact PlayWell for instructions on returning the product for a full refund. Call PlayWell Toy Company toll-free at (800) 836-7928 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at www.regcen.com/activitycube.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04079.html>

Release Number: 04-086 Mary Meyer Corporation, of Townshend, Vt. Is voluntarily recalling about 10,000 "Webster" Activity Spider Toys. The toy is a plush bug-shaped activity toy, which also can be hung from a crib, carriage or other object. The plush spider toy has eight legs with round stuffed feet that crinkle or rattle and a mirror on the underside that makes a squeaky sound when bounced. They were sold at department and specialty stores nationwide from January 2002 through September 2003 for about \$10. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: The round stuffed feet on the spider can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Return the toy to Mary Meyer Corp. to receive a replacement product of equal value. Mary Meyer Corporation at (800) 451-4387 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday for instructions on returning the spider toy and receiving the replacement product.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04086.html>

Release Number: 04-087 Child Craft Industries, of Salem, Ind. Is voluntarily recalling about 3,500 Legacy Cribs. The recalled Legacy cribs include model numbers 16741, 21021, 23111 and 28721. The model numbers are printed on the bottom rail of the head or foot board. The full-size cribs were made from ash and maple woods, and sold in a variety of colors. All carry the Legacy Brand label. They were sold at juvenile furniture stores nationwide from March 2002 through January 2004 for between \$399 and \$549. The cribs were manufactured in China between March 2002 and March 2003.

Problem: The slats on the drop side rail can loosen and detach. When this happens, the space

created by the gaps can allow a baby to become entangled, strangle or fall.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the cribs and contact Child Craft to receive a replacement drop side rail. Call Child Craft toll-free at (888) 844-2674 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET or visit the firm's Web site at www.childcraftindustries.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04087.html>

Release Number: 04-088 Schylling Associates Inc., of Rowley, Mass. Is voluntarily recalling about 15,600 "Wooden Music Radio" Type toys. The recalled "Picture Radio" song boxes have a wind-up knob, picture window, flexible antenna, and wooden carrying handle. The music boxes come in three designs: "The A, B, C Song," "Old MacDonald has a farm," and "Mary had a little lamb." Each plays the respective song when the main dial is turned. The "A,B,C" box has a red front, yellow knobs, and lettering on the front and back; the "Old MacDonald" box has a yellow front, blue knobs, and a farm scene on the front and back; and the "Mary had a little lamb" box has a blue front, yellow knobs, and pastoral scene on the front and back. The bottom of the music boxes reads, "More Fun From Schylling." They were sold at specialty stores, gift shops, department stores and book stores nationwide from September 2003 through January 2004 for about \$12. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: A wooden turning knob and antenna top can break off, posing a choking hazard to young children and exposing a sharp point.

What to do: Parents should take these toys away from children immediately and contact the firm for information on receiving a refund or free replacement toy. Call Schylling Associates Inc. at

(800) 767-8697 between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the company's Web site at www.schylling.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04088.html>

March Recalls

Release Number: 04-090 Brand Imports LLC, Scottsdale, Ariz. is voluntarily recalling about 1 million children's rings. The metal rings are silver in color with shapes including hearts and stars, with slashes of colored paint. They were sold at vending machines in malls, discount department and grocery stores nationwide from December 2002 through August 2003 for about 25 cents. The rings were manufactured in India.

Problem: The rings contain high levels of lead, posing a risk of lead poisoning to young children.

What to do: Consumers should throw the ring away or contact the company for more information. Brand Imports LLC at (800) 967-3048 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

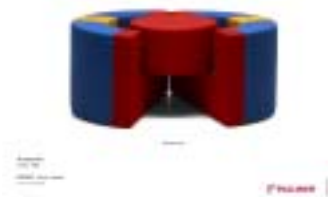


- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04090.html>

Release Information: Palliser Furniture Ltd., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada is voluntarily recalling about 155 "Poof" Chairs and Table Sets. This set includes two semi-circular chairs and one circular table in blue, red, and yellow fabric. The law label on the bottom of the chair has "Hong Feng Furniture Cushion Co." and "Palliser Furniture Ltd." Furniture stores nationwide and in Canada from June 2003 through January 2004 for between \$150 and \$200. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: A metal rod can protrude through the fabric and its sharp edges could cause scratches or cuts.

What to do: Consumers should take the product away from children immediately and return the chairs and table to the retailer for a full refund. Call Palliser Furniture Ltd. toll-free at (877) 840- 7396 anytime or email the firm at charper@palliser.ca.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04543.html>

Release Number: 04-106 Stanley Furniture Company Inc., Stanleytown, Va. Is voluntarily recalling about 318 Isabella model cribs. These are Isabella model cribs with model number 326-94C1 or 326-94C2. The model number appears on the bar code label. The Isabella cribs are distributed through Stanley Furniture's Young America line. They are made of wood and painted white. They were sold at department and furniture stores nationwide from November 2003 through February 2004 for about \$980. The cribs were manufactured in the U.S.A.

Problem: An incorrect screw (used to attach the movable gate) was provided for the assembly of some of these cribs. The crib cannot be assembled using this screw. However, if consumers have substituted their own screw, it may not properly hold the movable gate in place. The result is a potential risk that a child could fall from the crib or become entrapped between the gate and the mattress.

What to do: Consumers should contact the store where the crib was purchased to schedule a free, in-home crib inspection and repair, if needed. These stores also will attempt to contact consumers. Consumers should call Stanley Furniture at (888) 839- 6822 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04106.html>

Release Number: 04-109 Babies "R" Us of Wayne, NJ. Is voluntarily recalling about 900 Snail Push Toys. The brightly colored push toy is made of wood. The snail has moveable parts painted purple, green, yellow, or orange. The wheels have three colored balls (yellow, green and red) attached with string. The handle has a red ball on the end. The yellow and blue tag attached to the toy at point of sale states "Imaginarium Baby" and recommended for ages 1-3. Sold only at Babies "R" Us stores from July 2003 through November 2003 for about \$8.00 each. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: The screw securing the toy handle to the push toy could detach, posing a choking hazard.

What to do: Consumers should take the push toy away from small children immediately and return it to Babies "R" Us for a full refund. Consumers can call toll-free at (800) 804-5419 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., ET Monday through Friday or visit the Web site at www.toysrusinc.com/productrecall.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04109.html>

Release Number: 04-110 Kingfisher Publications PLC, a UK-based subsidiary of Houghton Mifflin Company, of Boston, Mass. Is voluntarily recalling about 5,000 My Easter Basket Books. The cardboard book has "My Easter Basket Book" printed on the cover in pink letters over an Easter basket. "First Holiday Books" and "Touch & feel" also are written on the cover. The book includes photos of marshmallow candy, plush

toys, lollipops and candy typically found in Easter baskets. The book incorporates textured touch-and-feel-surfaces. "KINGFISHER" is written on the book's spine and back cover. They were sold at retailers nationwide from February 2004 through March 2004 for about \$8. The books were manufactured in China.

Problem: A sponge "touch-and-feel" item inside the book can detach or small pieces can be torn away, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should take these books away from young children immediately, and return the books to Kingfisher Publications PLC, Customer Service, 181 Ballardvale St., Wilmington, MA 01887 for a refund and postage reimbursement. Call Kingfisher toll-free at (800) 289-4371 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, send an e-mail to trade_customer_service@hmco.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml/04/04110.html>

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